
Book review

Behçet's Syndrome

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Almost 75 years have passed since the first description of the “Triple Symptom complex” by Professor Hulusi Behçet, when he described the association of oral and genital ulceration with uveitis and hypothesized that it could be of possible viral aetiology. At the present time we well know the multisystem aspects of the disease, characterised also by musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, neurological and major vessel involvement. Unfortunately, we are also well aware of how some of these involvements represent life-threatening and sight-threatening complications, and that the disease runs a more severe course among young males.

Hasan Yazici who has dedicated almost 35 years to the study of Behçet's syndrome and his son, Yusuf, who runs a Behçet's clinic in New York, as editors, indeed brought together the world experts in this field to produce a highly useful work. The book consists of nineteen chapters. It describes in detail

the different organs involved with elaboration on pathogenetic and therapeutic aspects. It also includes a section dedicated to juvenile BS. Perhaps a larger page size would have helped the reader appreciate more especially the photographs of the pathology slides.

Nowadays, it can be considered the best guide to help clinicians acquire the appropriate knowledge to enable them to recognise the variegated aspects of BS, its clinical profile and to optimise its therapeutic approach. On the whole, it represents not only an elegant teaching tool, but also an interesting in-depth study on what is controversial and little known.

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